

February 7, 1963

John A. Gibbs

John Arba Gibbs was born at Huf-ton, S. D., on Sept. 17, 1914 to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gibbs.

John grew to manhood in the Claremont and Groton vicinities, at-tending schools in both towns. On Nov. 23, 1934, he was united in mar-riage to Eleanor Gilyard at Milbank, S. D. To this union four children were born.

Mr. Gibbs served in the Armed Forces during World War II. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, American Legion and was a Mason. He was employed by the South Dakota State Highway Dept.

Mr. Gibbs passed away suddenly at his home Saturday evening, Feb. 2, 1963, at the age of 48 years. John's thoughtful and sunny disposition brought much pleasure to his family and friends. He was a kind and loving husband and father and his grand-children were of much enjoyment to him.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor; two sons, Robert and John, Jr., at home; two daughters, Mrs. Douglas (Brenda) Craig, Groton; Mrs. Eugene (Maren) Kelley, Rapid City; two brothers, Max of Greenville, Mich.; Clayton of Groton; two sisters, Mrs. Ervin Meister, Groton; Mrs. John McCleary, Livermore, Calif.; six grandchildren; his step-mother, Mrs. Alice Gibbs, Groton and many nieces and nephews.

Services were conducted at the Emmanuel Lutheran church on Tues-day, at 2:00 p. m., with the Rev. Rich-ard Lee officiating. Military honors were accorded the World War II veteran. Burial was in the Groton cemetery. Pall bearers were Otho Rix, Arthur Rix, Robert Oliver, Wm. Koehler, Carl Sundberg and Andrew Wehde.

Paetznick Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.